

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION  
Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)**

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PATENT APPLICATION

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NON REISSUE  
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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s): TAMARU, et al.

Title OPTICAL DISK RECORDER FOR WRITING DATA WITH  
VARIABLE DENSITY

Atty. Dkt. PW 027 7023 | H7616US  
M# \_\_\_\_\_ Client Ref \_\_\_\_\_

including:

Date: November 20, 2001

1. Specification: 57 pages (only spec. and claims)      2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 20 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 12 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# \_\_\_\_\_ SN \_\_\_\_\_)
6. **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part  
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:  
6(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed (M#)  
6(b) ☐ International Appln. No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
which designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--
7. **AMEND the specification** by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ --
8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_

by Assignment recorded \_\_\_\_\_ Reel \_\_\_\_\_ Frame \_\_\_\_\_

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan

11. \_\_\_\_\_ (country)

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-353946	November 21, 2000	(2) 2001-050732	February 26, 2001
(3) 2001-062885	March 7, 2001	(4)	
(5)		(6)	
(7)		(8)	
(9)		<input type="checkbox"/> See 3 <sup>rd</sup> page for additional priorities	

12. 3 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
in U.S. Application No. / filed on \_\_\_\_\_
13. Small entity status → ☒ is **not** claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)
- 13(a) ☐ Attached: \_\_\_\_\_ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)
- 13(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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(1)		(4)	
(2)		(5)	
(3)		(6)	

15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

**THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED**

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
18. Basic Filing Fee				\$740/\$370	\$740	101/201
19. Total Effective Claims	20	minus 20 =	*0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ 0	103/203
20. Independent Claims	10	minus 3 =	*7	x \$84/\$42 =	+ 588	102/202
				*If answer is zero or less, enter "0"		
21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				+ \$280/\$140	+ 0	104/204
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25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No.				+ \$130	+ 0	122
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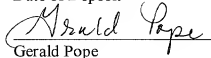
- ☒ Letter of transmittal
- ☒ Patent application (57 pages of specification; 20 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1328.00 to cover the filing fee
- ☒ A Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ 12 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ Return postcard
- ☒ Certified copies of (3) Japanese patent application from which priority is claimed
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention with cover sheet and \$40.00 recordation fee

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